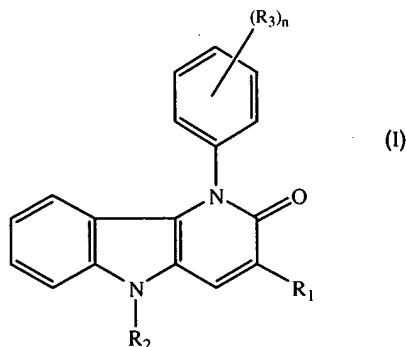


## ABSTRACT

SUBSTITUTED INDOLEPYRIDINIUM AS ANTI-INFECTIVE COMPOUNDS

The present invention concerns the compounds of formula (I)



their *N*-oxides, salts, stereoisomeric forms, racemic mixtures, prodrugs, esters and metabolites, wherein *n* is 1, 2 or 3; *R*<sub>1</sub> is H, CN, halo, aminoC(=O), C(=O)OH, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC(=O), C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylC(=O), mono- or di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC(=O), arylaminoC(=O), *N*-(aryl)-*N*-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC(=O), methanimidamidyl, *N*-hydroxy-methanimidamidyl, mono- or di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)methanimidamidyl, Het<sub>1</sub> or Het<sub>2</sub>; *R*<sub>2</sub> is H, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl, wherein said C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl and C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl may be optionally substituted; *R*<sub>3</sub> is nitro, cyano, amino, halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, hydroxyC(=O), aminoC(=O), C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC(=O), mono- or di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC(=O), C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylC(=O), methanimidamidyl, mono- or di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)methanimidamidyl, *N*-hydroxy-methanimidamidyl or Het<sub>1</sub>; for use as a medicine. The invention further relates to a novel subgroup of the compounds of formula (I), and to compositions comprising compounds of formula (I).